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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Specification Amendments

Replace the section under the title "Background of the Invention" beginning page 2, line 7, and ending page 3, line 4, as follows:

Steam irons often are provided with mechanisms for changing the rates at which steam exits from steam outlet ports in the sole plates. There are occasions during which steam irons are used when no steam is desired and other occasions during which a specific rate of steam production is desired. The rate varies with the fabric being ironed and with the preferences of the person using a steam iron.